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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community action in response to Argentina's
armed seizure of the Falkland Islands

'The European Parliament,

- noting that the Falkland Islanders have enjoyed uninterrupted occupation of the Falkland Islands for the last 150 years,
 - welcoming the mandatory resolution of the United Nations Security Council (Resolution 502) which called for an immediate cessation of hostilities, the immediate withdrawal of all Argentine forces and the search for a diplomatic solution by the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom,
 - welcoming the prompt action of both the Commission and the Council in response to this breach of international law by Argentina,
 - noting the record of the Argentine regime in the treatment of its own population, especially the number of 'disappeared persons', estimated to be as many as 15,000,
1. Condemns the armed aggression of Argentina which invaded the islands on 2 April 1982 with a massive military force;
 2. Welcomes the speed with which the Community took action after the invasion, especially with regard to the ban on Argentine exports to the Community;'
 3. Recognizes the sacrifices which some Member States have made in order to ensure that the Community was able to take rapid and forceful action and underlines the political importance of joint action by all Member States in response to armed aggression against the sovereign territory of a Member State;
 4. Calls on Argentina to implement the provisions of the UN Security Council Resolution 502 without delay;
 5. Insists that the Falkland Islanders be enabled to exercise their right of self-determination freely;
 6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to continue to review the possibility of taking further measures against Argentina and to maintain the existing ban on Argentine imports until Argentina has implemented Security Council Resolution 502;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Parliaments of the Member States and the Government of Argentina.'